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Re: Application of Akitaka KIMURA
SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER FORMED BY SELECTIVE DEPOSITION AND
METHOD FOR DEPOSITING SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER
Assignee: **NEC CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q51885

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/161,981 filed on September 29, 1998 of Akitaka KIMURA entitled SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER FORMED BY SELECTIVE DEPOSITION AND METHOD FOR DEPOSITING SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2881.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on March 20, 2003 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	9-264225	September 29, 1997

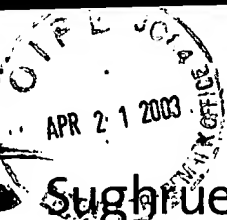
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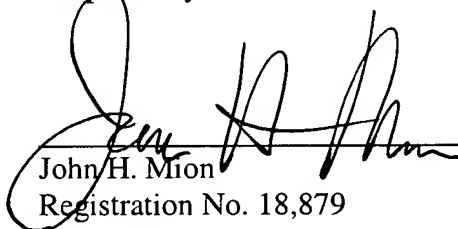
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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/161,981. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,


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